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FEDS SHOW FIGHT AT LATEST MOVE

Sputter Over News That Blanding Had Jumped Back to the Naps.

GILMORE THREATENS WAR TO THE KNIFE

Says Organized Baseball Must Play Fairly if Rights Are To Be Respected.

Chicago, March 3.—The greatest war of baseball history was threatened by President Gilmore of the Federal League today as the result of reports that the American and National leagues were proselyting among its players.

The message addressed by Mr. Gilmore to Ban Johnson and Governor Tener follows:

"Indisputable evidence tells us that some of your clubs are endeavoring to sign Federal League players. If you do not stop such methods immediately we will withdraw our policy of fair play and give you a battle at your own game."

"If our contracts are no good, then contracts are no good, and a player can disregard a contract with a club in organized ball as easily as he can ours," Gilmore said.

"Therefore, if the National and American league clubs are trying to take our signed men away from us, we will take theirs away."

"We have unlimited cash and the united support of all our club owners and backers. We can bid as high for the players as anybody."

"Up to this time we have played fair with our rivals. We gave up Cole, despite his having signed with the Chicago club when we believed that the courts would have given him to us. We signed Killifer and Blanding in good faith and advanced money to them."

"If the American and National leagues ignore our contracts and fail to appreciate the spirit of sportsmanship we have shown, we will start the biggest baseball war. When it is over the Federal League will have the stars of the old leagues, and will be the strongest in the game."

Negotiations were begun, it was said today, between President Gilmore and Ray Collins, the Boston American pitcher, whom Gilmore wants. Dick Egan, the Cincinnati player, it was learned today, is the eighth of the world tourists sought by the outlaws.

The Federal League umpires will meet tomorrow to discuss interpretation of the rules. Among the topics for discussion will be the "infield fly" rule, which is interpreted differently in the American and National leagues.

Bill Brennan, chief of the umpires, feared that the two interpretations might cause confusion when former National Leaguers were playing with American Leaguers. Brennan will preside over tomorrow's meeting.

The umpires expected are Steve Cusack, Steve Kane, Garnett Bush, Al Manakau, Harry McCormick, Monte Cross and Ole Anderson. Most of the umpires will train with the teams.

The Federal League's grandstand here will cost \$219,000, according to the contract which was let to-night by President Wegman of the local club. Its general outlines will be that of the National League stand in New York, but only one deck will be built this year.

Special ceremonies will attend the breaking of ground to-morrow.

The wards are already having a taste of the troubles of baseball. The Pensacola Club has entered suit against them for breaking an alleged contract to train on their grounds. The Brooklyn outlaws have selected Columbia, S. C., as a training camp.

CHANCE PICKS AN INFIELD

Roy Hartzell Gets Trial at Second Base.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Houston, March 3.—If Frank Chance sticks to his present opinion the infield of the Yankees will be composed of Malloch, Peckinpach, Hartzell and Williams.

The manager has expressed himself as much impressed by the speed of Chance and the young outfielder from Denver, who seems to have a fine chance to win a regular berth.

Sullivan has shown good work around second, but his hitting ability appears to be questionable. Another promising recruit is Quinn, the left-handed first baseman.

Dode Criss left camp to-day to visit his home in Dallas, but he is expected to return in a day or two. Holden, the outfielder, has not been heard from as yet, and Carl Thompson, the pitcher, is also missing.

TINKER NAMES HIS TEAM

Wilson and Zeider Down to Play with Chicago Feds.

Chicago, March 3.—The line-up of the Chicago Federals was announced to-day by Joe Tinker as follows:

Pitchers—Ad Brennan, Claude Hendrix, Tom McGuire, Irwin Lang, C. J. Watson, Henry Schmitt, John Glazer, Dave Black and Leo Prendergast.

Catchers—Arthur Wilson, formerly of the Giants, Jim Block, Bill Killifer, who is now back with the Phillies; Jim McDonough and George Mulvaney.

First basemen—W. E. Jackson, John Kadwin, Fred Beck and Bill Zwilling.

Second basemen—John Farrell, John Graham and Leo Kavanaugh.

Third basemen—Hollie Zeider, last year with the Yankees, and James Stanley.

Shortstop—Joe Tinker.

Outfielders—Al Wickland, Cad Cole, John Muncie and Max Flack.

Manager—Joe Tinker.

Trainer—Al Wickland.

Club physician—Dr. C. J. Watson.

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